

# ALPHA and OMEGA

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A year has now passed since I took over the office of MNC and I'm quite pleased with how things are going. The thing that makes me feel the best is the fact that people are believing in the Miller Number system again. I want to thank all of you for your support in this endeavor.

This issue will be mainly a "state of the Miller Numbers" theme, so let me begin.

I have the records in very good order. 95% of the requests I get for a number are mailed out within 24 hours. There have been only a few minor problems and I'd like to discuss these with you.

1) Please be careful in requesting a number for a variant that has more than one version. For example; to ask me for a number for Youngstown isn't enough information. You must state Youngstown III, or VII, or whatever. Each version of a game has it's own designator.

2) Please try to provide me with all of the necessary information. I get many requests that simply state that you are opening a game of 'so and so' and you don't tell me anything else. I need the GM, the players names and country assignments, the 'zine (if any), etc. If you are unsure of what I need please ask me .

The past records of the MNC are now as complete as I can get them based upon the information available to me. I was amazed when I took over this job that no past records were kept. The BNC has a book that contains records of the Boardman Numbers since they began. The Miller numbers had NOTHING except the back issues of Lord of Hosts ! To remedy this situation I have compiled a book like the BNC has with a record of all past issued numbers that I'm aware of. I'm hopeful that this book will become a permanant part of The Miller numbers. My records go back to 1974 and are reasonably complete to the present. The main exception is the year of 1977. There seems to be no record of games for that year except for some European ones. Can anyone help me with this ?

I want to publicly thank Steve Arnawoodian who gave me a great deal of help on this project. Good job woody !

The treasury is in good shape! After receiving less than \$15 in donations for all of 1983 I have been quite fortunate recently. The following have contributed to the MNC in 1984.

Steve Arnawoodian/PAGB	\$30.16
Michael Mills/PDO auction	96.21
Robert Sacks/NYGB	35.00
Total	<u>161.37</u>

This money when added to the \$29 remaining in the treasury gives me a total of \$190.37. I don't know what it will cost to print and mail this issue but it will be in the \$30 range. This will leave my operating budget in good shape for a while. Thanks to all for keeping me out of the red !

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Sub rates to A&O to rise. Now that I am doing this by photocopy I will have to charge more to cover my costs. Starting with next issue the rate will be 5¢ per page plus postage. This will still not cover all of my costs but I don't want to get outrageous.

Subber/trader infor mation is on page 2

After this issue your sub balance is \_\_\_\_\_

We trade X

This is a free sample \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobby news/miscellany

The latest issue of Diplomacy Digest #76/77 is devoted to variants ! for those of you interested in this part of the hobby this issue is a must. This is available from Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304. This issue is 80¢ and subs to DD are 10 for \$4.00

Need a game sevices. There are two of these and both will send you a current list for an SSAE. Write to;

Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY 10034

The North American Variant Bank can supply you with maps/ rules for hundreds of variants. Thier current catalogue costs \$1 and is available from Rod Walker (address above). Most games are available for 10¢ a sheet but I suggest you get the catalog to find out more about this hobby service.

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No Gerrymandering appears this issue because not one of you wrote to Tom about it ! How about some participation folks?! Maybe one of you will be kind enough to write a variant article for me for next issue. I will give sub credits for anything I use in here. If you don't want this to be a statistics 'zine only YOU have to help out. I do not write articles as I am a lousy writer (english never was my best subject!).

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Miller Numbers assigned since last issue.

1983Rgf19 (World Diplomacy III) no 'zine, Doug Brown. USA:Tom Andahl, So. Am.:Teresa Lewis, W. Eur:Ken Eklund, Arab block:Claude Gratianne, Black Afr:Eric Stockwell, USSR:John Jeffery, China:Robert Bates, Australia:Robin Riley

1983Srx02 (Intimate) Appaaling Greed, Mark Larzelere, Eng:Don Ditter, Russia:Al Pearson

1983Trx02 (Intimate) Appalling Greed, Mark Larzelere, England:Kevin Tighe, Russia:Kevin Stone

1983Urx02 (Intimate) Appalling Greed, Mark Larzelere, England:Mark Berch, Turkey:Bob Bragdon

1983Vrx02 (Intimate) Appalling Greed, Mark Larzelere, France:Larry McCloud, Germany:Greg Fritz

1983Wrx02 (Intimate) Appalling Greed, Mark Larzelere, England:Don Ditter, Russia:Kevin Stone

1983Xrx02 (Intimate) Appalling Greed, Mark Larzelere, England:Mark Berch, France:Greg Fritz

1984Agf11 (Zeus V-F) Bushwacker, Fred Davis, Britain:Paul Larsen, China:Kevin Kozlowski, France:Kenneth Peel, Germany:Ralph Baty, Japan:Pat Pakel, USSR:Paul Rauterberg, USA:Robert Cheek

That's it for number assignments as of 2/1/84

Games recently concluded are on page 3. I'm going to try something different and 'paste up' the finishes as sent me by the GM's.

recently finished games

The following 4 games are described among the starts on page 2

1983Srx02 Winner:Don Ditter  
 1983Trx02 Winner:Kevin Stone  
 1983Urx02 Winner:Mark Berch  
 1983Vrx02 Winner:Greg Fritz

And now for those 'paste ups' (let me know what you think of this)

1981S hp01 (1885 II) Bushwacker, Fred Davis

		1885					1886			Final
		<u>Start</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Status</u>
ENGLAND	(Emery Ford) <sup>1</sup> . (Mark Keller)	3	5**	5	4	4	2	3	2	
FRANCE	(Robert Cheek)	3	4	4	1	1	1	0	-	
GERMANY	(David Anderson)	4	7	8	10	9	11	11	15	3-Way Draw
ITALY	(Ralph Baty)	3	4	4	6	8	9	9	9	3-Way Draw
SPAIN	(Chip Charnley)	3	5	5	3	1	1	0	-	
SWEDEN	(Eric Kane)	3	4	5	7**	6	7	8	7	Fourth
AUSTRIA	(Scott Hanson) <sup>3</sup> . (Richard Young)	4	5	5	5	7	6	4	2	
RUSSIA	(Dan Wilson) <sup>2</sup> . (Bill Highfield)	5*	5	3	1	0	-			
TURKEY	(Ed Wrobel)	4*	5	7	9	10	9	11	11	3-Way Draw

1. Ford resigned with his Aug. 1885 orders. He assigned England to a Mike Welker, but Welker never participated in the game. Mark Keller took over in Oct. 1885.
2. Wilson was dropped in May 1885, for missing 2 consecutive moves. Highfield took over in June 1885.
3. Hanson was dropped in Feb. 1886, for missing 2 consecutive moves. Young took over with the Feb. 1886 moves.

1983Agf16 (Final Conflict) Expletive Deleted, Tom Swider

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
AUS	5	5	7	8	10	7
BRA	7	6	6	8	6	5
CHI	5	6	5	1	0	-
ISR	6	8	8	8	8	8 (DRAW)
RUS	8	8	8	10	12	13 (DRAW)
SAF	5	6	6	6	4	2
USA	5	5	5	2	1	1

Player Country Records: AUSTRALIA: John Checchia (Resign S'02); Bill Highfield.  
 BRAZIL: Dave Valentiner (NMR out S'03); Don Williams. CHINA: Bob Olsen (Out W'05)  
 ISRAEL: Al Pearson (Draw W'06). SOVIET UNION: Steve Arnawoodian (Draw W'06).  
 SOUTH AFRICA: Debbie Osborne (NMR Out W'05); Carl Russell. USA: Larry Neubauer  
 (NMR Out F'05); Civil Disorder

That's it for another issue of A&O. See you all again in May 1984.

*Yours  
Lee*